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SKYHAWKS COMPOSITE SQUADRON 47

CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIT CA324



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Squadron 47 Color Guard NATIONAL CHAMPIONS for the Second Time!



Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron 47 Color Guard poses proudly after winning First Place at the National Color Guard Competition in Washington D.C. Lt. to Rt.: CAP National Commander, Major General Antonio J. Pineda, Cadet Senior Airman Elena Lazo, Color Guard coach, Major Randy McClure, Color Guard Commander, Cadet Senior Airman Jesse Almanza, Cadet Senior Airman David Hubbard, Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Top Vance, Cadet Airman Rebecca Thieme (alternate), Cadet Technical Sergeant Niko Arranz (alternate), and Chief of Warfighting Integration for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Michael W. Peterson.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Promotions

C/Amn

Ian Hanner
Ian Drury

C/A1C

James Leslie

C/SrA

Conrad Stielau
Kevin Harter
Mary West

C/TSgt

Niko Arranz

C/SMSgt

Kyle Wheeler
Top Vance

C/2nd Lieutenant & Mitchell Award

Cameron Day

Senior Members

Captain Martin Zschoche
Captain Tony Diaz

AWARDS

Communications Patch

C/TSgt Niko Arranz

Chuck Yeager Aerospace Achievement Award

Captain Tony Diaz

Honor Cadets for May

Charlie—C/AB Jason Weisner
Bravo—C/SSgt Kevin Erbas-White
Alpha—C/A1C Kevin Harter
Staff—C/MSgt Top Vance

Congressional Award Gold Medal Level

C/TSgt Daniel Parker

Annual Banquet Awards

Senior Member of the Year

Captain Tony Diaz

Cadet of the Year

C/TSgt Kevin Erbas-White

Most Improved Cadet of the Year

TSgt Daniel Parker

Communications Officer of the Year

Major Dee Osargent

Chaplain of the Year

Chaplain Richard Nelson

California Wing Commander's Commendation

Squadron 47 2006 Color Guard

Certificate of Appreciation

Mrs. Leslie Lazo

Mrs. Jennifer Thieme

Mr. Dave McGregor

1Lt Seelye Day

New Cadet Staff

Command Staff

Cadet Commander—C/2Lt Cameron Day
Deputy Cadet Commander—C/SMSgt Loren Shaw
First Sergeant—C/SrA David Hubbard

Alpha Flight Commander—C/SMSgt Top Vance

Bravo Flight Commander—C/SMSgt Kyle Wheeler
Bravo Flight Sergeant—C/TSgt Daniel Parker

Charlie Flight Commander—C/SMSgt Laurel Day
Charlie Flight Sergeant—C/TSgt Kevin Erbas-White

Executive Staff

Executive Officer—C/SrA Elena Lazo
Administration—C/SrA Elizabeth Parker
Public Affairs—C/Amn Ryan Pederson
Supply—C/A1C Mary West
Aerospace Education—C/Amn Matthew Morgan
Recruiting—C/A1C James Leslie

Your New Cadet Commander

At the Squadron 47 Annual Awards Banquet, C/2Lt Cameron Day was installed as the new Cadet Commander for Squadron 47.

Lt Day has been a member of the squadron for six years, serving as Supply and Administration Officers, and as both Flight Sergeant and Commander many times. For the last year he has served on the California Wing Cadet Advisory Council and as the Deputy Cadet Commander for Squadron 47.

Commander Day will be focusing on keeping the squadron's cadets busy with field activities, training, and having a good time.



Specialty Track Training

This is an excellent opportunity for Senior Members and cadets to get training in their Specialty Track or Executive Staff position. It will be held July 29-30 at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside.

Specialty tracks covered will be:

- Safety
- Administration
- Aerospace Education
- Professional Development
- Public Affairs
- Finance
- Historian
- Logistics
- Recruiting

This kind of training does not come our way very often. If you are interested, please check the Wing calendar for details at:

<http://cawg.cap.gov/>

More Training Classes

More opportunities for training in specific areas of interest are coming up. Mark your calendar for any of these classes.

ACUT/MRO Radio Class, 29 July, at Group 7 HQ, Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.
(for cadets and senior members)

Level One/CPPT Class, 9 September, at the Army Reserve Center, Camp Pendleton.
(for new Senior Members and cadets 18 or over)

Group 7 SLS/CLC Training, (Squadron Leadership School/Corporate Learning Course) 23-24 September, location to be determined.

Lt Peske a new Midshipman



At the Squadron 47 Annual Awards Banquet, C/2Lt Janell Peske officially became Midshipman Peske, receiving her formal appointment to the Naval Academy from her United States Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer, Capt David Quessenberry, USNR.

Janell left for the Academy and the joys of Plebe Summer on June 24th. On the 28th she was sworn in and began the arduous task of keeping her head above water for the next six and a half weeks.

During her 3-4 minute phone calls she has been allowed to make once in awhile, she has reported to her mother and father that everything is going well and she is very happy to be where she is. Lt Peske has wanted to attend the Academy since 9/11 and is proud to be wearing her country's uniform. **Oorah, Lt Peske!!**

Laguna Mountains Bivouac

Are you ready for this?! Our next bivouac is this coming weekend, July 21-23. Bivouacing is what Squadron 47 does best! And we do it the hard way!

We'll meet at the Target parking lot in Escondido (exit Valley parkway off the 15 fwy), next to Carl's Junior.

Be there by 18:30 p.m. (6:30) sharp. As our former Squadron Commander, Major Eric Gray, used to say:

We will be on GST—Gray Standard Time!

To be early is to be on time
To be on time is to be late
To be late is unacceptable
And to be too early is just stupid



Go over your equipment list carefully. **Bring only what is on the list and do not bring anything that isn't on it.**

If you have any questions, call Lt or Sgt Day, Sgt Vance, or Capt Zschoche.

For those who have never been on a bivouac, be prepared for a lot of hiking. Wear boots that are broken in, socks that are thick enough and bring bandaids or other blister patches.

Water is the number one essential piece of gear. Be sure that canteens are washed out with mouth wash before filling. Camelbacks are great, just be sure they are in black or camouflage.

The estimated time of return to the Target parking lot on Sunday is 14:45— 15:45 p.m.

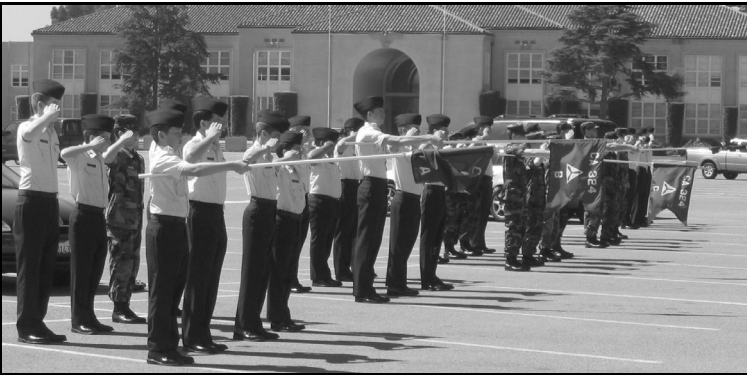
(2:45—3:45). Please be sure someone is there to pick you up or that you have a ride home with someone. The cost for the bivouac is \$5.00. Bring another \$5.00 to \$10.00 for food on the way home.

Come with both the energy to get tired and the ability to live and learn!

Basic Cadet School / Airman Training School

You (yes, *you!*) need to attend one of these schools.

BCS/ATS is a CAP activity you *do not* want to miss. It will help define your experience in our squadron and point you in the direction of promotions and responsibilities that are in your future.



CAP is a place to learn how to follow so you will know how to lead. Do not assume the cadets who have higher rank and more responsibility will always be there to run the show—they won't—life, school, etc. will take them away—and they need you (yes, *you!*) to step up.

BCS/ATS will be held August 25-27 at Camp Talega on Camp Pendleton. The cost is \$25. Applications to attend along with form 31 and check must be handed to Lt Day by August 12th. Staff applications with resumes, form 31 and check must be submitted to him by August 5.

You *do not* want to miss this opportunity. And I do mean *you!*

Safety Corner—Camping Safety

By C/Amn Ryan Pedersen

As we all know, the Bivouac is coming up, and to keep us safe we could use some refreshers. Whether you're going to the Bivouac or just going camping with family or friends, here are some good reminders. In case this is your first Bivouac these tips can help you have fun and at the same time, be safe. Here are just a few tips on some of the essentials.

- Make sure you have the skills you need for your camping or hiking adventure. You may need to know how to read a compass, erect a temporary shelter or give first aid. Practice your skills in advance.

- If you have any medical conditions, discuss your plans with your health care provider and get approval before departing.
- It's safest to hike or camp with at least one companion. If you'll be entering a remote area, your group should have a minimum of four people; this way, if one is hurt, another can stay with the victim while two go for help.
- If you'll be going into an area that is unfamiliar to you, take along someone who knows the area or at least speak with those who do before you set out.

Congressional Gold Medal Received by C/TSgt Daniel Parker



At the squadron's last Promotions and Awards night, C/TSgt Daniel Parker was recognized for having received the Congressional Medal/Gold Level.

Most of us were not familiar with the award and the work that goes into receiving it. Here's a little information about it and the website where you can learn more.

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year-olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Medals.

Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the Award is a way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for

the first time. Move at your own pace - on your own or with friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals.

Regardless of your situation, you can earn The Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge. The Congressional Award is open to all.

CAP encourages all cadets to look into achieving this award. Much of what you do in Squadron 47 can count towards the goals you set. Go to www.cap.gov, then to Members, then to forms and publications. Look up form 52-5 for more information.

The website for The Congressional Award is: www.congressionalaward.org

Upcoming Cadet Activities



JULY 2006

- 21-23 **Laguna Mountains Bivouac** Get your gear and get *in* gear! This is hard core training in survival techniques, land navigation, and more! Meet at the Target parking lot in Escondido (exit Valley Pkwy from Fwy 15) at 18:30 p.m. (6:30) sharp.
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- 29-30 **Specialty Track Training** An excellent opportunity for cadets on Executive Staff to get training in their specific job. (see article on page 5) To be held at March Air Reserve Base

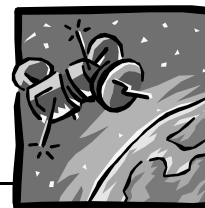
AUGUST 2006

- 5-12 **Encampment** A week-long bootcamp that will be the hardest and best week of your life! If you're going to Encampment as a Basic you don't have to attend BCS (see below).
- 25-27 **BCS/ATS (Basic Cadet School/Airman Training School)** If you're a Basic and did not attend Encampment you *need* to attend BCS. If you are an Airman, A1C, or SrA you need to attend ATS whether you went to Encampment or not. To be held at Camp Talega on Camp Pendleton. \$25.00 and a signed Form 31 are your ticket in.

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 9 **Level One/CPPT Class** Required training for cadets age 18 and over. To be held at the Army Reserve Center, Camp Pendleton.

Upcoming Senior Activities



JULY 2006

- 29 **ACUT/MRO Radio Class** For cadets and Senior Members. To be held at Group 7 HQ, Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base.
- 29-30 **Specialty Track Training** An excellent opportunity for Senior Members to get training in their Specialty Track. (see article on page 5)) Will be held July 29-30 at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside.

AUGUST 2006

- 20 **Group 7 Banquet** To be held at Sharkey's Officer's Club at 16:30. \$20.00

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 9 **Level One/CPPT Class** Required training for new Senior Members and cadets age 18 and over. To be held at the Army Reserve Center, Camp Pendleton.
- 23-24 **Group 7 SLS/CLC Training** Squadron Leadership School/Corporate Learning Course. Location to be determined.

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